



West Side Stories

News for Neighborhood Watch Leaders in the Central and Dobson Patrol Districts

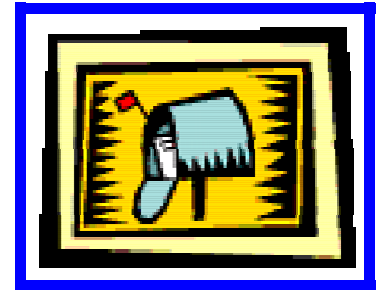


Neighborhood Watch Networking Top 10 Tips

1. Arrive at the meeting or event at least 15 minutes early and try to be one of the last to leave.
2. Get to know the event staff and ask them to connect you with people you want to meet.
3. Check the sign-in roster for names of people attending that you would like to meet.
4. Look for people who have larger groups around them and try to get into the larger groups to meet others.
5. Always stay near the center of the event or activity. Never stand on the exterior boundaries of the party. Focus your attention near the entry or check-in area.
6. Have index cards made with your name and phone number available to hand out and always ask for a phone number in return.
7. Have a pen ready to make notes on the back of the cards you receive.
8. When you are meeting people, ask where they live and immediately respond with your address.
9. When sitting at a table, always be the first to start the conversation and welcome the new people to the table.
10. Show an interest in what others are talking about and make eye contact often.

Neighborhood Watch Requirements . . .

- 2 Meeting per calendar year.
- 50% resident participation.
- Please don't forget to send in attendance sheets immediately following your meeting or party. It is imperative that we have them to keep our records in order and to document that you have met the requirements of the Neighborhood Watch program. Attendance sheets can be faxed to 480-644-2800 or mailed to the Mesa Police Department in the postage paid envelope provided.



On the Beat with the Mesa Police . . .

is a 30-minute television show designed to share and highlight information about a variety of units and programs within the Mesa Police Department. The show is taped once a month and airs several times throughout the month on Mesa Channel 11.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Residents seeking an environmentally friendly way to dispose of their hazardous waste can take advantage of the City's free household hazardous waste collection event:

March 19th from 8 a.m. to noon
2412 N. Center Street

- Residents should be prepared to show their most recent trash bill.
- Residents are asked to remain in their vehicles while at drop-off site.
- Please DO NOT place household hazardous waste materials in your black barrel or in your blue or green recycling barrels.
- Please seal the material in its original container if possible.
- Please label unmarked containers if contents are known.



For more information about collection events and acceptable collection items, please call the Mesa Recycling Hotline at (480) 644-2222.

How to Reach Us:

Mesa Police Department
Community Relations Unit
130 N. Robson Street
Mesa, AZ 85201-6697

Jerry Quarles
Neighborhood Watch
(480) 644-2539
jerry.quarles@cityofmesa.org

Crime Prevention Tips Email List

Sign up with your email address to receive periodic emails from the Mesa Police Department Crime Prevention Unit on timely topics, prevention information and upcoming crime prevention-related classes and events. You can unsubscribe at any time. Your email address will remain confidential. Emails from the Crime Prevention Unit will be from the following email address: police.info@cityofmesa.org

Visit www.cityofmesa.org/police/prevention_tips_list.asp to sign up today!

Calendar of Events

March 24

Help Eliminate Auto Theft Event

4 to 6 p.m. @ Mesa East Target

1525 S. Power Road

April 13

"BE ALERT" Child Safety Program

4:30 p.m. @ Mesa Fire Station

360 E. 1st Street

March 29 & 31

Rape Aggression Defense

(Self Defense for Women)

5 to 9:30 p.m.

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center

April 9

Help Eliminate Auto Theft Event

8 a.m. to noon @ Mesa Central Target

1135 S. Gilbert Road

April 12

Help Eliminate Auto Theft Event

4 to 6 p.m. @ Central Substation

120 N. Robson Street



Neighborhood Notebook: Animal Calls

Do you know your neighbors? If an issue came up between you and another neighbor, would you feel comfortable talking with them about it? Silent resentment can turn minor issues into major problems. On-going communication between you and your neighbors can help resolve issues before they escalate. It also builds friendly relations, which can make your neighborhood an even more pleasant place to live.

Are your neighbor's dogs barking a lot? Talk with your neighbor to let them know the barking is disturbing you. If you and your neighbor cannot resolve the problem and barking continues, you can contact the Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-2211, with the address of the dog owner.

How many animals are too many? In Mesa there is no restriction on the number of domestic animals a person is allowed, as long as the animals are well cared for. Dogs are required by the County to be licensed and to be leashed if they are not in an enclosed area. If you would like more information, please contact Animal Control at (480) 644-2044.

2005 Walk to End Domestic Violence

The Third Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence / 5K Walk and Run will be held on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Wesley Bolin Plaza.

The 2005 Walk to End Domestic Violence will raise much-needed funds to support the domestic violence shelters and programs in Maricopa County. With domestic violence incidents increasing and funds from both the government and private sources diminishing, this type of public supported fund-raising program is more critical than ever. Last year \$170,000 from the program was granted to various local agencies, including Autumn House, My Sister's Place, and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Companies, organizations and families are encouraged to organize teams to take part in the walk or run. All registered participants will receive a Walk to End Domestic Violence t-shirt.

If you need additional information, please call Detective Coy Johnston from the Mesa Police Department Center Against Family Violence at (480) 644-4909.

Registration information may also be found at:

www.cityofmesa.org/police/dv_walk.asp

